

**Notice of Allowability**

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 4 May 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 May 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
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The examiner acknowledges that claim 5 has been cancelled

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-4 and 6-24 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are allowed because claim 1 specifically requires that the first and second hoop holders are adjustable in the width direction to accommodate work pieces and hoops of various sizes.

Claim 2 is also allowed because it additionally requires that the first and second hoop holders are identical.

Claim 7 is also allowed because it additionally requires that the centering feature be screened on the work piece during screen-printing for aligning the work piece with a needle of the automated embroidery machine.

Claims 8 and 9 are also allowed because they additionally require that the first hoop holder be mounted to the frame of a printing machine adjacent to but spaced apart from the platen.

Claims 10-16 are allowed because claim 10 specifically requires that the first hoop holder be mounted to the frame of a printing machine adjacent to but spaced apart from the platen.

Claim 11 is also allowed because it additionally requires that the first and second hoop holders are identical.

Claim 12 is also allowed because it additionally requires that the first and second hoop holders are adjustable in the width direction to accommodate work pieces and hoops of various sizes.

Claim 14 is also allowed because it additionally requires that the centering feature be screened on the work piece during screen-printing for aligning the work piece with a needle of the automated embroidery machine.

Claims 17-24 are allowed because claim 17 specifically requires that the workpiece be secured in secured in a hoop before the hoop is mounted in a hoop holder.

Claim 18 is also allowed because it additionally requires that the first and second hoop holders are identical.

Claims 20 is also allowed because it additionally requires that the first and second hoop holders are adjustable in the width direction to accommodate work pieces and hoops of various sizes.

Claim 22 is also allowed because it additionally requires that the centering feature be screened on the work piece during screen-printing for aligning the work piece with a needle of the automated embroidery machine.

Claims 23-24 are also allowed because they additionally require that the first hoop holder be mounted to the frame of a printing machine adjacent to but spaced apart from the platen.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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